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All of these societies have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

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### THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

The Association was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity. In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

### THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

The National Alliance was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

### THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

The Union was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

### THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

The Temperance Society is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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## EDITORIAL

THE Emperor of Austria proved himself a good Catholic when he requested the late Pope of Rome to pronounce a blessing upon the Austrian army as it went forth to war. Surely, if the Almighty had delegated the aged pontiff to be his supreme representative on this little planet, a blessing thus administered should have spelled victory in letters of living fire. But the Pope was unable to comply with the request of Francis Joseph because he regarded every one of the warring nations as "his people." All those stalwart young men who were out to shoot and be shot were equally the objects of his paternal solicitude. And so, of course, he could do but one thing and that was to implore the Supreme Ruler of the universe for peace.

In this incident there is something that, to the Unitarian or free mind, is unspeakably disheartening. Nearly twenty centuries have passed away since the Prince of Peace announced his gospel of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. The substance of that gospel imported peace and good-will. All over the Western world great establishments, called churches, have claimed a heaven-sent mission to promote that peace and good-will; and, chief among those churches is the one whose spiritual sovereign lives in Rome and arrogates to himself the right to consider these great nations "his" people. On the one hand, in the midst of untold wealth and power, he claims to be the visible spokesman of him who "had not where to lay his head"; and, on the other hand, he believes himself authorized to give or withhold blessings from the kings and emperors who, in their turn, profess to own the bodies and possessions of millions of men, women and children.

TO an American Unitarian the phraseology that such potentates use is unaccountable. It sounds like the language of fable and mythology, and how in this age of democratic instinct they can find so many human beings to respond to it is beyond thought. But the fact that should give us pause and have a sobering influence upon those who disclaim utterly any subjugation to either prince or pontiff, is the hopeless impotency, after nearly twenty centuries of trial, of ecclesiastical Christianity. If anything were needed to prove beyond all cavil the collapse of this vast system of temporal authority over the destinies of the race, what could be more convincing than a war which promises to be the most gigantic exhibition of cruelty, greed, race-hatred and international perjury the world has ever known?

The sick and aged Pope might indeed have prayed for peace; but his prayers would have promised more efficacy if the establishment over which he presided had been working for peace during the last fifteen hundred years. To expect the defence of the helpless from an

institution that owes its grandeur to an insatiable ambition for power is an illusion. To gather peace from an establishment that is built upon the pride of ownership, intrigue, subtle conspiracy against individual freedom, and hostility to every effort of the people towards enlightenment and progress, is to pluck grapes from thorns and figs from thistles.

BUT the essential hypocrisy of institutional Christianity is not confined to the Roman hierarchy. The entire fabric, in so far as it offers something for nothing, is a snare and a delusion. Schemes of salvation that promise gold for tinsel are hollow mockeries. Any provision—theological, sacerdotal, or evangelical, which pledges the rewards of virtue, self-control, and brotherly love, without actually incarnating them in manhood and womanhood is "vanity and a striving after wind." The only hope that may be lurking beyond the horrible blackness of this war is the possibility that the common people, the world over, may open their eyes to the cruel atheism of the doctrine of the divine right of kings. And, greater than any blessing the Pope of Rome could pronounce, would be the conviction, emerging from this demonstration of the collapse of institutional Christianity, that the only genuine peace this world can experience must come from the human heart. It must be compounded of honesty, justice, sincerity of motive and human sympathy. We need no further evidence than this war to prove that peace and good-will can never come through the pretensions of hereditary monarchies, standing armies, and the arrogant assumptions of ecclesiastical empire.

Institutional Christianity has been tried and found wanting. It has not proved its right to inherit the gospel of Christ. It is known by its fruits; or, rather, by its barrenness. It may have produced theologians, churchmen, sectarians, ecclesiastics and "professors of religion." It has not produced Christians. Well informed people in ever greater number flout it, or become indifferent to it, or observe its conventionalities for the sake of decorum. Institutional Christianity has arrived at its Day of Judgment and must either undergo a change of heart, or join the procession of historic faiths whose priests have laughed each other out of countenance while they fed the sacred chickens.

THE breakdown of doctrinal and ecclesiastical Christianity does not, however, imply the failure of Christianity itself. We think we are well within the boundaries of truth when we say that if the European powers had been genuinely Christian the present situation could never have existed. If the simple principles of the Sermon on the Mount had been alive in the minds of monarchical Europe war would have been impossible. And, so far as Unitarianism is a practical recognition of fundamental Christianity, it can be said that such a war would have been out of the question had the Unitarian habit of mind dealt with the problems at issue. Take the Unitarian body as a whole. What would it not have done rather than to have precipitated war? It would have sought arbitration, it would have waited, it would have referred international questions to the Hague, it would have created a court of nations—any conciliatory and honorable course would have been employed rather than to have paralyzed the whole of Europe and declared war between two days. Looking down the long course of European history it is easy to see that real Christianity has been evaded and that savagery of the most unspeakable character has masqueraded in its stead.

SO far, then as we are concerned the attitude of our churches should be one of renewed consecration, and a willingness to make larger sacrifices for the promotion of a rational, modern faith and a determination to intensify our interest in efforts to get the old world to seriously try Christianity.

The leaders of religious thought everywhere are beginning to realize that the old feudal methods of church and

state have seen their day. The evolution of righteousness must be accelerated as never before, or there will be a retrogression of human life which centuries cannot repair. Among all the wise men of the East and of the West the fact is recognized that religion is the same everywhere and under all names and that it must now be taken seriously and for its own sake, rather than for the sake of the "churches" it may sustain and the empires it may bolster up. Ours is a small body numerically, it is true; but what it lacks in statistics it more than makes up in loyalty to those ethical and spiritual laws that would have made this war impossible. It has never obtained greatness in terms of ecclesiastical grandeur, but it has insisted by night and by day upon those spiritual principles without the application of which the whole fabric of civilization comes to naught.

WHAT any individual Unitarian may do to bring about the reign of peace in a world that is now sinking itself deeper and deeper in a general debauch of bloodshed, may seem too insignificant to be considered. So, too, when a Jewish peasant and his twelve disciples proclaimed the Kingdom of God in the midst of Roman imperialism, it must have seemed to many a prudent soul, like moonshine of the most unsubstantial variety. And so it would be if everything were left to the caprices of human nature. But everything is not left to human nature apart from its divine sanctions, and its cherished beliefs in the saving power of spiritual ideals. When this orgy of atheism is over and the contending nations awake to something like sanity, and realize the results of their madness, nothing on earth will be of so much account as the moral stability and clear vision of those who in the meantime have not lost their faith. Then, one man who sees the eternal law of peace and righteousness will outweigh armies; and on the few who can understand and teach the ways of love and justice, apart from the arrogant pretensions of kingdoms and hierarchies, will depend the future welfare of the human race.

# American Unitarian Association

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Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, *Secretary* — F. Stanley Howe, *Assistant Secretary*

**Ministerial Personals**

Rev. C. W. Heizer died at Ithaca, N. Y., on October 13th, after a long and honorable ministry in our fellowship. He had been minister at Ithaca for thirteen years, and previously had held pastorates at Reading, Chicopee and Wayland, Mass., and at Manchester, N. H.

Rev. J. A. Hayes has resigned at Chicopee, Mass.; Rev. H. A. Weston at Houlton, Me.; Rev. J. W. Rowlett, D.D., at Memphis, Tenn.; and Paul M. McReynolds at Pomona, Cal.

Rev. J. A. Kyle has resigned at Elizabeth, N. J., to accept a call to Davenport, Ia.

Rev. S. R. Maxwell, who has just been admitted to fellowship by the Southern Fellowship Committee, has taken charge of the new work at Houston, Tex.

During the past month there have been many ordinations and installations. Rev. L. C. Dethlefs was installed at Medford, Mass., on October 7th. On Sunday, October 11th, Mr. W. A. Smith was ordained at St. Cloud, Minn., Mr. Otto Lyding at Roxbury, Mass., Mr. E. P. Daniels at Wilton, N. H., and Rev. C. A. Henderson was installed at Hopedale, Mass. On October 18th, Rev. Louis A. Walker was installed at Middleboro, Mass., and Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge at the Harvard Street Church in Cambridge. On November 1st, Rev. F. M. Bennett is to be installed at Youngstown, O.

**Appointments**

The President of the Association will spend the month of November in the Far West. His November Sunday appointments are: November 1, Great Falls and Helena, Mont.; November 8, Tacoma and Seattle, Wash.; November 15, Vancouver and Victoria, B. C.; November 22, an appointment not yet determined in or near San Francisco; November 29, Salt Lake City, Utah. These appointments will alternate with the weekday visits with the other churches along the line of travel. The President will return to Boston in time for the meeting of the Board of Directors on December 8th.

**Buildings**

The dedication of the splendid new building of the Second Church in Boston will be held on Sunday, November 8th. The new building is one of singular beauty and contains all the equipment needed by the modern church. It is enriched by the memorials that existed in the former building on Copley Square, and many new adornments have been added.

The society in Rutherford, N. J., has completed its new parish house and it was opened for a reception on October 19th. While the parish house was building, the church building itself was also put into excellent repair, the interior redecorated and new pews put in. The society has now a complete and dignified church home, both for its Sunday services and for its many weekday activities.

Ground has been broken for the new parish house at Wollaston, Mass., a stone and concrete structure adjoining the church and of equal size. The new house will provide all the facilities needed by this rapidly growing society.

**Things to Be Done This Year**

The Association has just prepared for distribution an attractive little four-page leaflet, entitled "Things to be Done This Year." It is printed in two colors and sets forth concisely and forcibly the program of work which the Association has undertaken for the present fiscal year, and which requires the co-operation of our churches to accomplish.

A sample copy of the pamphlet has been sent to all settled ministers and to officers of parishes having no minister, with a notice to the effect that it can be obtained in any quantity upon applica-

tion. We would urge that all churches secure these for distribution either in the pews or through the mail to their parishioners, in advance of their annual collection for the American Unitarian Association.

There is more than usual importance this year in our continuing undiminished aid to the many useful enterprises now being assisted by the Association, and a careful reading of this circular will insure on the part of every Unitarian a thorough knowledge of the full scope of our work, and should materially assist the officers of churches in maintaining or even increasing their annual gifts to the national cause.

No church need hesitate in asking for a liberal supply of these appeals to be used for the purpose above mentioned. Telegrams or rush orders addressed to the Association, at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., designating the leaflet simply as "Things" and stating the number of copies and date on which they are needed will receive prompt and intelligent attention.

**New England Conferences**

The local Conferences in New England have held stimulating meetings during the past month. The Worcester Conference met on October 7th and 8th at Barre. The feature of the Conference was the addresses by six well-known laymen about laymen's responsibility in the work of the churches. The North Middlesex Conference met at Milford, N. H., on October 15th. Rev. Messrs. McDougall and Townsend spoke of the missionary needs of our cause, and Mr. Lawrance and Mr. F. M. Eliot of our work among the children and young people. The South Middlesex Conference met at Cambridge on October 21st, Mr. Frothingham giving the evening address. On the same date the New Hampshire Conference met at Manchester. This meeting was preceded by a gathering of the ministers at which the chief address was made by the Secretary of the Association. The Norfolk Conference met with the Channing Church in Dorchester on October 28th, and the Essex Conference at Haverhill on October 29th.

The Conference of the Middle States and Eastern Canada is to meet in Syracuse November 16th, 17th and 18th. The Conference sermon will be preached by Dr. Wright of New York.

**New England**

The officers and Directors of the Association are much concerned to do whatever is in their power, during the coming winter, to strengthen and deepen the life of the New England churches. For a term of years there has existed a Missionary Council in New England which has met annually at the invitation of the President of the Association. This Council has consisted of the presidents and secretaries of the eleven local Conferences in New England with the officers of the Association. It has now seemed wise to give this Missionary Council a more definite and permanent organization. Its function will not change and it will continue to be an advisory board, but it will have its own officers and organization and its stated meetings. The meeting at which this action was taken was held in Boston at the invitation of the President of the Association on October 20th. It was there voted to organize the Council as a permanent body "to consist of the president and secretary of each local Conference in New England with the President and Field Secretary of the Association and the New England Committee of the Board of Directors of the Association." It was further

*Voted:* That the purpose of this Council shall be to advance the interests of the various churches represented in the New England Conferences. That the acts of this Council shall be understood to be purely of an advisory character and specifically to prepare and present to the various Conferences in New England its conclusions and suggestions as to missionary or other work to which said Conferences should address themselves; and also to formulate and present to the officers and Directors of the American Unitarian Association suggestions in regard to missionary work which the Council believes should be undertaken by the American Unitarian Association.

*Voted:* That it is the sense of this meeting that the Council meet in April and September of each year.

It is hoped and expected that this organization can be of real service in promoting our cause and in developing close co-operation between churches, Conferences and the Association.

**"Safety First"**

The staff at headquarters occasionally experiences difficulty with the considerable amount of mail matter sent to us to be forwarded to ministers and others. It is quite common for persons writing to a minister but not knowing his home address to send the letter to headquarters on the expectation that it will be forwarded. In such cases our aim always is to forward such matter as speedily as possible, unless special instructions have been received. It occasionally happens that when a letter has been so forwarded the person addressed has unexpectedly appeared at the rooms. To prevent such confusion persons who are expecting to receive mail here would forestall such a mishap by notifying us in advance of their prospective visits or by requesting persons who address them here to mark mail "Hold for arrival."

Another cause of occasional confusion is the custom of addressing letters to individuals at 25 Beacon Street. All communications regarding the work of the Association can safely be addressed to the Association, as such will then be opened and delivered at once to the proper officer or department; whereas letters addressed to individuals are frequently held up owing to the absence or illness of the person addressed. By adopting the practice above suggested prompt attention by the right person will be insured for all communications.

**Department of Religious Education**

The installation of Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge as minister of the Third Church in Cambridge, Mass., on Sunday, October 18th, had certain features that were as suggestive as they were unusual. The entire day was given to the installation. Dr. Crothers preached at the morning service. The Secretary of this Department spoke at the noon-day service with the Sunday school. The neighboring ministers and a former pastor took part in the afternoon meeting. Of special significance was the Sunday-school celebration, where the new minister was welcomed as the director of the religious and spiritual life of the young people. At the close of this session the members of the school came forward, the kindergarten class leading the way, and each in turn gave the minister the right hand of fellowship. By this ceremony the school was made to feel that the minister was in a peculiar sense their friend and helper, and expression was given to the conviction, which Mr. Rutledge holds very strongly, that in the school lies the minister's greatest opportunity. It is surely to be hoped that the example thus set will be largely copied, and that the meaning which underlies it will become more generally appreciated among our churches.

As announced last month, this Department is again co-operating with the Tuckerman School in a series of Normal Class Meetings held in Channing Hall, Boston, on Saturday forenoons. These lectures, which are open freely to all who will come, are especially designed to help Sunday-school teachers to understand their work and do it better. During the first hour lectures are given on "The Use of the Bible in Liberal Sunday Schools" by Mr. Lawrance. During the second period, the lectures are by Dr. Luther A. Weigle, who is recognized among religious educators as an expert of the first class. Leaders in Sunday-school work in the vicinity of Boston are showing their appreciation of the value of his instruction by attending his lectures. If our own constituency understood more clearly what is thus offered Channing Hall would be full every week. These lectures continue until December 19th.

A new bulletin has recently appeared, entitled "A Service for the Consecration of Youth." It is written by Prof. Francis A. Christie of the Meadville Theological School, and is in substance

an address given by him at the annual meeting of the Sunday School Society. In rarest English it discusses and pleads for the holding of a special service for the confirmation, or consecration, of our young people. It is known as R. E. B. No. 7, and may be had free of charge in reasonable quantities.

The Autumn Meeting of the Unitarian Sunday School Society was held in Manchester, N. H., on October 21st, in connection with the meeting of the New Hampshire Unitarian Association. An address was given by Dr. Jay William Hudson, on "Peace Teaching and the Recent Crisis," and one by Rev. Florence Buck on "Graded Instruction in a Small Sunday School." These addresses were followed by a conference on "Our Actual Problems" which was conducted by Rev. William I. Lawrance, President of the Society.

The chief task of the Department is, and will for some time continue to be, work on the New Beacon Course in Religious Education. Several manuals are already outlined, the authors having made some progress toward their completion. Frequent meetings of the Committee on Manuals are held where all matters pertaining to the new course are discussed in thoroughgoing fashion. In this work we have the valued assistance of Dr. Weigle, who spends all of Saturday in our office. His wide knowledge, his clear insight and his incisive method are proving of inestimable value to us. It is hoped that through his co-operation we shall be able not only to issue a better series of manuals than we could otherwise produce, but to bring them upon the market sooner than could be done without such help.

The Secretary of the Department has been speaking recently at the First Church in Cambridge, at Milford, N. H., before the North Middlesex Conference, at the re-dedication of the church in Bolton, and at the installation of ministers in Hopedale, Middleboro, and the Third Church in Cambridge. At the first meeting of the Normal Class he spoke on "The Poetry of the Bible" and at subsequent meetings on "The Book of Job" and "The Psalms."

The Associate Secretary, Rev. Florence Buck, has spoken at East Boston, Cambridge, Quincy, and Arlington, Mass. in Concord and Manchester, N. H.

**Department of Foreign Relations**

During the past month the work of this Department has been considerable, despite the stoppage of some of the activities in foreign countries. The Department has naturally been very desirous to come into closer touch with its representatives and missionaries in other lands, as well as with the allies of our liberal cause throughout the world. The war has led to serious difficulties in the way of such a correspondence. Many letters have been sent out, and an increasing number of our foreign friends have sent us communications, mostly of a reassuring character as regards themselves and their activities.

Mr. Conte, our faithful missionary in Italy, had arranged to hold the first General Conference of his Association of Free Believers in the city of Florence during October, but the war has compelled a postponement. Meanwhile his monthly journal, *Italian Reform*, continues to appear and is of increasing interest. He has it in mind to start a series of distinctly Unitarian services in Florence, which will be attended by a little circle of Free Believers and others. Possibly a Sunday School also may be conducted by him. Mr. Romolo Murri, a distinguished ex-priest and ex-member of Parliament, is representing the cause in Rome and writing for the magazine. Mr. Conte will probably make one or two journeys this autumn in the interests of his cause. He has also in mind the publication of a small monthly to be called *The Unitarian Herald*.

From Bulgaria we have had recently a letter from our faithful Mr. Toplisky who informs us that the first Unitarian Church of Doubnitza, and for that matter, of the Balkan States, is nearly finished. Probably by this time it is already occupied for worship by the little band of faithful Unitarian believers whom he has been able to gather in that country. There is still a debt of some

one hundred dollars remaining upon this structure, and it is hoped that interested American Unitarians may contribute to take this weight off the shoulders of the faithful little company who, despite the war and the troubled political horizon, and consequent impoverishment of the country and suspension of business, have made this notable contribution to our cause in southern Europe.

The recent Congress of Religions held in Pekin, China, at the instigation of Rev. Gilbert Reid, D. D., a Presbyterian missionary of thirty years' standing in that country who has seen the larger light and is becoming a pioneer in these new methods of promoting the Christian faith among the people of China, is well worthy of the attention and support of the Unitarian body. Some six of the great religions of China were represented at this Congress of religious reconciliation and unity, including the Christian. The proceedings were harmonious and marked an era in the religious history of that country. The American Unitarian Association has thought it wise to contribute modestly to this series of conferences which are to be held in various of the great cities of China, and to appoint Mr. Reid as one of its Billings lecturers in that country. They have received from that gentleman an invitation to send a Unitarian minister to permanently represent them at his International Institute of China in Shanghai, to be one of his fellow-workers, and to aid him in promoting religious harmony and good-will among the great religious households of that country. A similar invitation has been extended to all denominations of Christianity. We shall watch with interest whether any of them will avail themselves of it, or whether they will insist that the Chinese shall humbly accept the particular form of Christianity which they represent, and entirely abolish the older historic religions in which they were reared.

Our representative, Rev. Mr. Walbaum, of Germany, has been compelled, naturally, to suspend the excellent Post Office Mission work, which, with the support of the Post Office Mission Society of Worcester, he had been rendering the past year. But the last number of his journal, *The Free Protestant, a Unitarian monthly*, still bears firm testimony to our principles in religion and life.

Finding it almost impossible to send the stipends promised to some of these earnest workers by the ordinary facilities of the Post Office in these troublous times, this Department has made application to the Government at Washington, asking their aid in the matter. It is hoped that they may requisition the assistance of the American ministers in Constantinople, Budapest and elsewhere.

The Secretary of this Department has contributed weekly articles bearing on the European situation and Unitarian religion throughout the world to the columns of the *Christian Register* and other papers. Among other things thirty letters were sent to as many foreign correspondents in all parts of the world informing them that the American Unitarian Association, in recognition of their interest in and services to our cause, sends them for the coming year a free copy of the *Christian Register*.

A library of Unitarian books and pamphlets has been donated to the Ram Mohun Roy Memorial Library (Brahmo) of Calcutta.

The Secretary has made various addresses and preached more or less during the past month, including an address at the Dorchester Universalist Women's Society, and before the convention of the Women's Universalist Missionary Society at Haverhill on the 30th of October, his topic being, "The duty of the Liberal Christian Church towards the Promotion of its Principles and Influence in Foreign Lands." He has also spoken to the Unitarian Club of Newton, to the Plymouth Ministers' Conference and other organizations.

**Department of Comity and Fellowship**

A serious blow has been struck at the efficiency of this Department by the recent death of Henry W. Wilbur, the president of the National Federation of Religious

Liberals, which was organized some six years since in Philadelphia, and which has held interesting congresses in that city, in New York and Rochester. It had been planned to hold a three days' convention in Philadelphia at the Friends Meeting House on Race and 15th Streets during the coming autumn. The death of Mr. Wilbur has somewhat disarranged these plans. At a recent meeting, however, of the Liberal Ministers' Club of Philadelphia, to which not only Unitarian and Universalist as well as Quaker and Jewish Reform ministers belong, but which has also among its most efficient representatives members of the Baptist and other orthodox churches of the city, Professor Jesse H. Holmes of Swarthmore College, a leading member of the Society of Friends, was elected president in place of the late Henry Wilbur. The Club also extended a cordial and unanimous invitation to the National Federation to carry out its purposes and to hold, probably in late February, a conference in that city, promising its hearty co-operation in the arrangements and proceedings. A committee was also appointed to interview the Quaker authorities and secure if possible their commodious Meeting House for the meetings of the congress. A program of great interest is now being prepared under the auspices of the secretary of this Department, who is also Secretary of the Federation. The war has brought with it many issues and problems which may well be considered and valued. A number of speakers of eminence have promised their co-operation and there is every prospect for a largely attended series of meetings in the city of Brotherly Love in February next.

The Secretary is to visit Philadelphia and other cities of the Middle West during the month of November and to enlist interest in these meetings.

### *Word and Work*

**Publication Department**

This Department is feeling much encouraged over the results of its canvass for more subscriptions to WORD AND WORK on the group plan. Already three churches have sent in good lists and several more are working on them. It is a great pleasure to feel that ministers in our various churches are alive to the opportunity of arousing and stimulating the denominational consciousness of their people through the regular reading of this paper, and we hope that many others are planning and working toward this end in their own societies.

The Department is always glad to co-operate by sending sample copies and descriptive circulars about WORD AND WORK and hopes to hear before long from many other churches in the form of subscription lists, taking advantage of the new and reduced group rates, which are as follows: on 25 to 50 subscriptions received from any one society, 40 cents; 50 subscriptions and over, 35 cents. It will be remembered that the regular subscription rate to the paper is 50 cents for nine issues, from October to June inclusive. We shall be pleased to send the October number to all persons subscribing during the present month, if requested.

### *Mr. Rihbany's Book*

Announcement was made in the last issue of WORD AND WORK of the appearance of the life story of Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany, minister of the Church of the Disciples in Boston, under the title of "A Far Journey." Especial interest in this book has prompted the Association to act in its behalf among the Unitarian constituency, and since that time nearly one hundred copies have been sold through the Publication Department.

Mr. Rihbany, in consequence of his book and the series of articles in the *Atlantic Monthly* which preceded it, has had many requests to lecture in various parts of the country, most of which, however, he is obliged to decline, owing to the demands made upon him by his own society. We feel that all Unitarians and others interested in the great problem of assimilating the immigrant would be well repaid by a reading of this book and would suggest that the Alliances and societies which are unable to secure

Mr. Rihbany for a lecture would find an acceptable substitute in a reading of the book itself.

## BOOKS OF THE MONTH

**City, State and Nation,** by William L. Nida, 80 cents by mail.

**Live and Learn,** by Washington Gladden, $1.05 by mail.

**The Path of Life,** by George Hodges, $1.30 by mail.

**Social Christianity in the Orient,** by John E. Clough, $1.58 by mail.

**War's Aftermath,** by David Starr Jordan and H. E. Jordan, 80 cents by mail.

**News Items**

Field Secretary William Channing Brown is now speeding westward to Memphis, Tenn., to work with the people to build up the life of the society and to organize its various activities for larger efficiency. At the close of his term of service in Memphis he will visit Oklahoma, after which his itinerary will carry him north into Kansas and then westward into Colorado. On December 1st he will meet the President of the Association in Denver, to lay plans for future activities.

The attention of Alliance workers of Social Service Committees and of Men's Clubs is invited to the announcement of a Series of six lectures to be given this fall under the auspices of The Tuckerman School and the Social Service department of the American Unitarian Association by Professor Anna Garlin Spencer.

The lectures will be given in Channing Hall, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, on Thursday, Nov. 12 and 19, and Dec. 3.

The dates and subjects follow:—

Thursday, Nov. 12 at 11.30. "Militarism and Economic Exploitation: what they mean." Nov. 12 at 2 o'clock, "Reformers who helped to abolish these evils: *what we must do.*" Thursday, Nov. 19 at 11.30. "Vice, Crime and Abnormality: what they mean." Nov. 19 at 2 o'clock, "Reformers who helped to abolish these evils: *what we must do.* Thursday, Dec. 3 at 11.30, "Disease, poverty and ignorance: what they mean." Dec. 3 at 2 o'clock, "Reformers who helped abolish these evils: *what we must do.*"

To accommodate those who will wish to be present at the discussion, sandwiches and coffee will be served at a nominal price and it is hoped that many will come in at this time for whom the morning and afternoon hours are impossible.

The price of the course ticket is one dollar; a single sicket, twenty-five cents.

The Commission authorized by vote of The American Unitarian Association at the last annual meeting "To consider and report upon the possible improvement of the methods of hearing candidates in our churches and selecting ministers for vacant pulpits" has organized for its work: Rev. Edwin M. Slocombe, Chairman; Rev. Harry Lutz, Secretary. Ideas and suggestions are desired from both ministers and laymen. They will be accepted and considered in strict confidence. They may be sent to the Secretary of the Commission: Rev. Harry Lutz, 91 Park Street, Newton, Mass.

Special services commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Rev. Henry Whitney Bellows were held in All Souls' Church on Sunday, October 8th, with addresses by Mr. Sullivan and Dr. Samuel A. Eliot.

The society in Atlanta, Ga., contemplates placing in the new church building a window as a tribute to Rev. George L. Chaney, who organized the church in 1883. This society is still looking for a good, medium-sized pipe organ. Address Mr. W. P. Harding, 48 Park Street, Atlanta, Ga.

# The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

**Headquarters: Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.**

Miss Anna M. Bancroft, *President*
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11 St. John St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, *Rec. Sec.*,
25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Robert H. Davis, *Cor. Sec.*,
226 Windermere Ave., Wayne, Pa.

## The General Conference

Plans for the General Conference in San Francisco August 24-27, 1915, are going forward rapidly. To the Unitarians of the East this trip will be a great adventure. The start is to be made from Boston early on the morning of August 10th, going north to Montreal and gathering Unitarians from all New England in the passage.—thence straight westward through Canada with friends from the Middle West coming north to Winnipeg. From Winnipeg on there will be Unitarian meetings at all important points. There will be time to view the wonders of western Canada and there will be good fellowship abundantly.

The Sunday of August 15, will be spent at Calgary, and the Sunday of August 22, at Portland. It was objected, when plans were being made, that the smaller churches en route would not hold the visiting friends but an overflow meeting of Unitarians in a town of western Canada, what a heartening that would give the loyal Unitarians who live there all the year round. After the five days of the Conference with ample time allowed for seeing the Fair, the party will visit the Southern California towns, passing on to the Grand Canyon, and to Chicago, arriving in Boston on September 9th. A splendid Unitarian pilgrimage has been planned, with days full of missionary enthusiasm, and of enlarging physical and spiritual vision. Never before have duty and pleasure together so clearly pointed the way.

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Study classes are reminded of a pamphlet by Dr. Wendte, on the Unitarian Name and Principles, that may be obtained free of charge on application to Alliance Headquarters, 25 Beacon Street, Boston. Also of a group of addresses on "The Faith of the Reformers," by Rev. E. Stanton Hodgin that may be had for twenty-five cents by addressing Mr. E. O. Hodgin, 925 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, California. The chapters are Wycliffe, Savonarola, Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Francis David, Loyola and the Jesuits, Cromwell, Milton, William Penn.

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## Executive Board

Directors' Day, as the meeting of October ninth was named, proved most successful because of the valuable suggestions offered by Board members for the strengthening of the general work. Branches will in due time, receive from their directors such of these suggestions as may be thought suited to their needs.

Two life members are recorded, Mrs. J. T. Rorer of Philadelphia and Mrs. Archibald Finlayson of Rye Beach, New Hampshire.

A new branch is welcomed, Lynchburg, Virginia. This was organized with only four members. Letters may be sent to Mrs. John H. Lewis, President, or to Miss Mary Carroll, Secretary, Lynchburg.

The Corresponding Secretary told of three hundred letters written in order to get the information needed to make the Manual correct and complete. Copies of the Manual have been sent to officers and committees of The Alliance, to life members and to branch officers. If any have failed to receive their books, they should state the fact to the Recording Secretary.

With the approval of the Finance Committee the money already contributed for the Fifield Memorial has been deposited where it will draw in-

terest until the time when it shall be needed for the student house.

The Finance Committee recommended that, as a policy, effort be made to have every vice-president present at one Board meeting each year, travelling expenses paid when necessary. Also that it be the policy to set aside money each year for directors outside of New England, where distances are great and expenses large, that they may be able to visit their branches. Also that suggestion be made to the branches to give in small sums (perhaps five cents for each member) to pay expenses of directors and vice-presidents to the meeting in San Francisco in August, 1915.

The new chapel at Mt. Pleasant, Florida, will be begun at once. A well has been dug at Shelter Neck, on the common between school and church, which will supply good drinking water and afford greater protection against fire. The well is a memorial to Mrs. Fifield, made possible by Mrs. King, her daughter, to whom the thanks of The Alliance were extended for this and also for a framed photograph of Mrs. Judith W. Andrews "at work on The Alliance by-laws."

The International Committee has made effort to have a cordial welcome extended to two English people who have come to a Massachusetts city to live, and to a young Dutchman in San Francisco. The committee is in correspondence with the British League to determine the way in which The Alliance can best assist the friends across the water in offering relief to those in need. Greetings were voted to the British and Hungarian groups of Unitarian women.

A new lending paper was reported by the Study Class Committee, "The Duties of Young People in a Free Church," by Frederick May Eliot.

The illustrated lecture on The Alliance early days and present activities with pictures of leaders and places of meeting and various other things of interest, will be given at Fort Collins, Colorado, on October 19th, by Mrs. Keezer, who has taken great pains with the preparation of this review of Alliance achievements. Other branches that may wish to borrow the lecture and slides will address Mrs. F. M. Keezer, 1356 Pearl Street, Denver, Colorado.

Miss Field of Cincinnati, former vice-president of The Alliance, was a welcome guest and spoke an earnest word in behalf of international work.

The President started soon after the meeting for a visit to each of the Vermont branches.

The Corresponding Secretary started the very day of the Board meeting on a trip that is to include conferences and branches in Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, Kansas, ending with the Middle States Conference in Syracuse, New York.

The next meeting will be held in Boston, November 13th.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
*Recording Secretary.*

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## The Alliance Service

Now that the work of the year is again going forward, the branches are reminded of the "Services and Hymns for Alliance Meetings," prepared by the Study Class Committee and already in use in many branches. Orders should be sent to Alliance headquarters, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, accompanied by check or money order payable to the Treasurer, Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes. Attention is called to the prices which are *five cents for single copies and three and one half cents per copy when ordered in lots of twenty-five or more.*

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## The Alliance Pin

In a recent copy of the *Christian Register*, a Rally Day for the Sunday Schools was suggested. Now, as this season's meetings of the Branches are about to begin, let us, members of The Alliance, hold a Rally Day in the cause of the Alliance Pin. And let our Presidents impress upon us seriously the necessity for getting one, even if it is only one of those costing twenty-five cents. The pins stand for Loyalty to our work; no one can wear one without feeling that is a real bond of union.

They also arouse a true spirit of hospitality, for it has been proved in many cases that the wearing of them has meant a welcome to the stranger within our gates. Many of our Branches have taken only a few, and the earnest hope is that *every member* will have one to wear when attending any Unitarian gathering. Let us therefore put aside the prejudice that some of us have concerning the pin, and not only get one ourselves, but see to it that our neighbor in the Branch, has one, too. Read the inspiring editorial in the October WORD AND WORK on "Unitarians to the Colors," and add "And Unitarians to the Pins!"

IDA SLADE,
*Chairman of Badge Committee.*

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## The Boston Interdenominational Luncheon

The annual luncheon under the auspices of the Interdenominational Society for the Study of Home Missions in Greater Boston, will be held on November 19, at 1 P. M., at the People's Temple, Columbus Avenue and Berkeley Street. Tickets, $1.00. Dr. James A. Francis of the Clarendon Street Baptist Church will deliver the address; the St. Mark's Jubilee Singers will assist; and a woman missionary will tell the audience of her labors. Last year the Unitarians were by far the largest delegation, 138 out of a total of 384.

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## News from the Branches

The Eliot Alliance of St. Louis presented last winter an unusual program on "The Religious Drama." The topics for the meetings were first Medieaval Miracle Plays, reading The Star of Bethlehem; second, Mediaeval and Pre-Reformation Moralities, reading of Everyman; third, Post-Reformation Religious Plays, reading Nathan the Wise, Lessing; fourth, Modern Religious Plays, John the Baptist, Sudermann, Sister Beatrice, Maeterlinck, Countess Cathleen, Yeats; fifth, Modern Plays introducing the Christ Type, The Servant in the House, The Terrible Meek, Rann Kennedy, The Passing of the Third Floor Back, Jerome, The Lower Depths, Gorky, Eager Heart, Alice Buckton. The chairman of the program committee writes "The subject is so large that we could easily have given one day a week to it and our committee knew that in condensing it they were doing an incomplete piece of work. But after all the thing we want to do is to inspire with noble thoughts and large ideals and if our course helps to a greater realization of what power the dramatic representation of living issues has had in the past, has now, and may have still more in the future we shall think the year's program has been worth while."

The Wellesley Hills, Mass., Branch is this year presenting the same program in slightly modified form.

Mrs. Wilfred A. Tillson is the newly elected President of the South Carver, Mass., Branch; Mrs. James F. Preston, 403 Andover St., of the Lowell, Mass. Branch.

Mrs. Effie Eastman is the Secretary of the Branch at Fort Fairfield, Maine.

At the meeting at Haverhill, Mass., on October 29, the Essex County Conference is adopting the policy of having one Alliance speaker at each session. The Branches of Essex County considered forming a neighborhood organization but have chosen instead to have a part in the annual conference.

The Aid Society of the Rockland, Mass. church has disbanded and its members have joined The Alliance. A very interesting program for the year has been arranged beginning with a neighborhood meeting at which Miss Wiggin of the Consumers' League is to speak on "The Function of the Church from the Standpoint of the Social Worker."

The branches of Eastern Canada have given a History of Canada in thirty-two volumes to the Fifield Memorial.

The Medford Mass. Alliance has an

interesting program on "The Social Conscience." The books to be reviewed at the meetings are: "The Approach to the Social Question," by Francis G. Peabody; "Social Religion," by Scott Nearing; "Rational Living," by Henry Churchill King; "What Men Live By," by Richard Henry Cabot.

The Director for Western Canada writes that plans for branch work are somewhat disturbed, owing to the fact that almost every home has been touched by the heavy war cloud that is over Europe.

In Victoria the women are endeavoring to rise above the distress of war and hope to do something for their reorganized Alliance in the way of study and social life.

Vancouver is sewing for the destitute and the Alliance has undertaken to clothe the families whose father or head has gone to the front.

The branch at Edmonton is like the city in which it exists, brave, helpful, and full of hope for the future.

Calgary, without a minister, is keeping the church together by the work of the Alliance.

Winnepeg is showing the same brave spirit it always has, but the little church and all its organizations are "hard hit" by the war and the business depression. At first The Alliance thought it must give up its sale and "book and gift shop," for which extensive preparations had been made, but it has decided to go ahead. It will have a year book and some beautiful views of the Canadian Rockies, which it hopes Alliance branches in the States will purchase. "By buying a little you help the little church that has been born so bravely and conducted so hopefully and faithfully to its present condition."

Address Mrs. Florence G. Bale, 69 Maryland Street, Winnepeg, Manitoba.

The Stoneham, Mass., Alliance has made a good start for a new branch. Last winter they elected officers to serve until next spring in order that their year might correspond with The Alliance year. They report thirty-three members, all national. A social service committee composed of sixteen of their young women are proving of help to the Alliance and the church in many possible ways. As the Stoneham church is to be without a minister after November 1st, the branch will have a chance to prove what strength The Alliance can bring to a church until a new minister is called.

The New England Associate Alliance held a successful session at Hartford, Conn., on October 17. The meeting was not so great in numbers as when the gathering place is nearer the center of New England Alliance population, but it was great in inspiration and hope. Rev. Abraham Rihbany spoke on "The Message of the Times" just at noon and many men came to listen to his address which had been well advertised in the city. Rev. Sidney Snow told of the California churches as a preface to a stirring appeal to everybody to attend the General Conference in San Francisco in August. Enthusiastic reports from the Vermont branches were delivered by Mrs. Braley of Burlington; and from the Church of the Disciples, Boston, by Mrs. Allen.

The Arlington Street Church Branch desires to correct the statement which has been made in "WORD AND WORK" and the "MANUAL" in regard to the Kate Gannett Wells Memorial Library. The Branch is not undertaking the work and should not have the credit of it. Miss Porter a member of Arlington Street church is individually raising a fund which she hopes in time will reach the sum of $5000. It will be used for the little library at Campobello as a memorial to Mrs. Wells.

While it is not in any way connected with the Alliance, contributions large or small from Mrs. Wells' friends will be gratefully received by Miss Mary O. Porter, 22 Brimmer St., Boston, Mass.

The New York League of Unitarian Women will hold the first meeting of the season of 1914-1915 at The Church of the Messiah 34th Street and Park Avenue New York City on Friday November 6th at 11 A. M. Mr. Henry White Callahan of Brooklyn will speak of "The Barbarians."

The Branch of Revere, Mass. will hold its Annual Fair, in the Vestry of the First Unitarian Church, on the 18th, 19th, and 20th of November. The Church is dependent upon this Autumn Sale, for means to pay its current expenses. The faithful women, whose untiring endeavors assisted by other branches have helped this historic church to survive under great difficulties, will be much cheered by contributions from the sister-branches, of articles to be sold. They are to celebrate in October, 1915, the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the Religious Society. A resolute effort is being made by pastor and people, to clear the Society of its debt on the Building, before its bi-Centennial Celebration. Contributions may be sent in care of the president, Mrs. Charles Tufts, 66 Proctor Avenue, Revere.

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## Concerning Finances

The Treasurer of The Alliance would urge upon the branches the desirability of establishing the dollar fee wherever possible. This call is made in the interest of the branches as well as of the general body, inasmuch as every woman who changes her standing from that of a local member, paying an annual fee of less than a dollar, to full membership in The Alliance helps her branch twice as much as she aids the general body. Of every dollar paid to her branch treasury 66⅔ cents is reserved by the branch for religious, missionary and church purposes and 33⅓ cents is sent to further the general work. If each of the 20,154 members paid one dollar a year, $13,436 would be reserved for branch uses and $6,718 would be sent to the general treasury, and one very satisfactory answer would be found for the ever recurring question "how can we raise more money for our branch and church work?" The Alliance treasury greatly needs increased funds to meet the growing demands of our work, and is it too much to ask that every loyal Alliance woman give thirty-three cents a year to further this work?

The Treasurer ventures further to ask each member to pay her dues promptly at the beginning of the year, thereby facilitating the work in her own branch and enabling her branch treasurer to make payment to the general treasury early in the year when the income is most needed.

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The question is sometimes asked as to the status of honorary members in the general body. Any branch may elect honorary members at will, provided it keeps the regular standing of all such members in The Alliance, sending from the branch treasury one-third the regular fee for all honorary members,

Life membership in the Alliance does not constitute life membership in a branch, nor is a life member entitled to remission of her dues by her branch.

For the benefit of branch treasurers who are new to the work the following directions are added: when a branch has established a local fee as well as the regular, or dollar fee, both must be counted in making up the amount due the general treasury. For example: assuming a branch to have 63 members of which 41 pay only a local fee of 25 cents, while the remaining 22 pay the full fee of $1.00, the dues are reckoned thus:

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| 22 members at $1.00 each ..... | $22.00 |
| 41 members at 25 cents ..... | 10.25 |
| Total receipts ..... | $32.25 |

One-third of $32.25 equals $10.75, which is the amount due the general treasury. Each branch must reckon its three officers as dollar members, even if it have no others.

Money for Appeals and for Southern Circuit should always be sent to the treasurer of The Alliance and not to committee chairmen. Gifts intended for the Carolina Industrial School

should be sent to the treasurer of the school, Mr. Percy A. Atherton, 50 State Street, Boston.

Mrs. Noyes is always glad to answer questions from branch treasurers in connection with their work.

Since August 1st the branches at Norwell and Carlisle, Mass., Hackensack, N. J., and Walpole, N. H., have sent contributions to the Fifield memorial fund, making the total sum now in hand $1,358.98.

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## The Appeals

Six Appeals are now on the list. The amounts asked average smaller than in recent years. The branches are referred to the June number of WORD AND WORK for information about Wheeling and to the October number for the Meadville and Pacific Schools and Green Harbor.

When the Society in Bellingham, Washington, was building its new church it made a very modest Appeal for $150. Feeling that this amount was insufficient the Committee and the Board increased the amount to $200 and about $250 was received from the branches. This is only half what is usually asked for a new church building. This year new and unusual expenses have come to that society connected with the building of sidewalks on two sides of its church lot and it turns again in its need to The Alliance. Bellingham is one of our outposts, the environment is antagonistic to Unitarianism and the minister, Mr. Weil, is a real missionary. The field he covers is as large as the state of Massachusetts. A Normal School of five hundred students offers an opportunity for a sort of college town work and the chance for missionary work in the surrounding territory seems unlimited. In addition to his work in Bellingham, Mr. Weil has founded one church and seven preaching stations.

The last Appeal on the list is from Westboro, Massachusetts, for $300 to help the members of the parish repair their church and replace their old steeple with one of less expensive construction. This work has been made necessary on account of the weakening of the steeple and some of the adjoining timbers and because the steeple had been condemned as unsafe. The expense will be $1500 and the people expect to raise the balance. Westboro is one of our older New England parishes, having been organized in 1717. For some years past the Society has struggled bravely to keep alive, but now with a new minister, a Men's League of thirty-five members and a good Alliance branch, of seventy members, which contributes generously to the support of the church, it is taking on new life.

All these Appeals are recommended to the branches by the Committee and the Executive Board.

All money for Appeals should be sent to Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes (Treasurer of The Alliance), 11 St. John Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, with a statement of how it is to be distributed. A friendly note sent to each appealing branch would also be appreciated.

ALICE REYNOLDS KEYES,
*Chairman of Committee on Appeals.*

Appeals stand as follows:—

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| Green Harbor | $395. |
| Meadville | 235. |
| Pacific School | 240. |
| Wheeling | 449. |
| Bellingham | 300. |
| Westboro | 300. |

# Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Mr. Sanford Bates, *President*

Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

## Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The third regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union for 1914-1915 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Wednesday afternoon, October 7, 1914, at 2.30 o'clock.

The president being absent, the vice-president for New England, Mr. Frederick M. Eliot, took the chair; and there were present: Mr. Allen, Miss Cline, Mr. McMurdie, Miss Richards, Mr. Ryder, Miss Simmons and the secretary.

The secretary's minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

The treasurer's report showed but little change from that of last month. On motion of Miss Richards,

VOTED: to approve the treasurer's report.

The bills for the month being presented, on motion of Miss Cline,

VOTED: that the bills be paid.

The secretary's report for the month of September was read and approved as read.

The secretary read interesting letters from three of the ministers in the college town churches, expressing appreciation for the student assistant appropriations.

Miss Simmons had no report to make for the Union-at-large, nor had Mr. Allen, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, any report at this time.

The question of finances came up and was being discussed when the president arrived.

As the Chairman of the Extension Committee and one other member have resigned, Miss Richards offered her services for the work, which the members of the Board gratefully accepted.

VOTED: that Miss Richards and Mr. Allen work in accord in this movement.

Miss Richards also suggested a chain letter for the benefit of the Endowment Fund.

VOTED: to authorize Miss Richards to conduct a chain letter campaign for the benefit of the Endowment Fund, and to further authorize her to use the official name of the Young People's Religious Union in this connection.

VOTED: That the Chair appoint a committee of one to confer with the ministers of the five in-town Boston churches, and to report at the meeting in November.

The president appointed Mr. Frederick M. Eliot the member of this committee.

As there was no further business,

VOTED to adjourn.

Grace R. Torr,
*Secretary.*

## The Pilgrim Federation

The Pilgrim Federation met at West Bridgewater, Mass., on Friday evening, September 25, the meeting being called to order by Miss Fannie Brown, the president of the West Bridgewater Union, who welcomed the federation in behalf of the West Bridgewater Young People's Religious Union. The meeting was then given over to the president of the federation, Mrs. Buckley.

The secretary, Mrs. Walker, not being present, Mrs. Hattie E. Cary, was appointed secretary *protem.*

There were sixty-four members present. It was decided that a play be given during the winter if the members would be willing to take part; and a committee was later appointed by the president.

Rev. D. H. Ferrell, Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff and Mr. Ryder all urged the unions to assist in the raising of the $30,000 before 1915, emphasizing the

importance of a field secretary, especially in the west where unions are small and somewhat scattered.

At the close of the business meeting, Rev. E. R. Leach of the Pearl St. Methodist Church of Brockton spoke of tramping through Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine, being his experience the past summer with a brother minister. This was very interesting as giving an insight into the lives of those unfortunates who live by tramping; and this was accordingly pronounced one of the most entertaining meetings of the federation. A rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Leach at the close.

A social hour followed, ice cream and cake being served by the West Bridgewater Union, after which games and a general good time ensued.

HATTIE E. CARY,
*Secretary.*

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## South Middlesex Federation

The annual meeting of the South Middlesex Federation was held with the Winchester Unitarian Society on Sunday, October 25, 1914.

The afternoon session at 4.30 o'clock, included a devotional service by Rev. Joel H. Metcalf of Winchester, reports of the secretary and treasurer, action upon the proposed amendment to the Constitution, reports of committees, election of officers, a roll call of delegates and an address by Mr. Carl B. Wetherell of Cambridge, the District Supervisor for that section.

Intermission at six o'clock was followed at 7.30 by an evening session at which Rev. Louis C. Dethlefs of Medford conducted the devotional service; and an address was given by Rev. F. R. Sturtevant of Taunton, Mass.

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## Student Assistant Work

As the Young People's Religious Union has contributed the past year for the support of student work in six of the college towns of the Middle West, it may be interesting to quote from places that have been benefitted through this work.

From Iowa City, Iowa: "We are very grateful for the help which the Young People's Religious Union has extended us.

"As to the work which our assistants do: they keep track of the students who attend the morning service and the Young People's Meeting and see that the pastor meets them. They also look after the advertising in the papers and address all special communications, invitations, calendars, etc., to the parish. In addition to these functions they are a great help in organizing the student element in the church and holding it together."

Ithaca, New York, writes: "I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter containing a check of fifty dollars as the balance of the appropriation for student work, and I want to say that in acknowledgement of this I greatly appreciate the help it has been to me.

" With the first fifty dollars I received I employed a young man, a member of one of the largest clubs in the University, to keep the boys informed of what was going on in our church. We got splendid results from this and found an unusually large number of boys attending our services. It kept me also in personal touch with them. The other fifty dollars I gave to a student connected with the athletic affairs of the University, and one of the crew men, with the same purpose in view I had with the other and with the same results. I find it makes a vast difference if somebody in the centers of young men is interested in our church and calls the attention of the young men to what we are doing.

This hundred dollars has been an immense help to me and saved me many miles of walking and made very much easier my work. I thank you all heartily for it."

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## District Supervisors

The following are the supervisors for the various districts, and these all stand ready to advise unions and young people in their sections:

Boston—Miss Marian D. Richards, Brighton, Mass.
Connecticut Valley—Miss Helen F. Schadee, Florence, Mass.
Essex—Rev. Benjamin R. Bulkeley, Beverly, Mass.
Middlesex—Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, Cambridge, Mass.
Pilgrim—Mr. Arthur E. Ryder, West Bridgewater, Mass.
Worcester—Miss Virginia McGarry, Grafton, Mass.
Upper New England—Rev. Henry G. Ives, Andover, N. H.
Rhode Island and Connecticut—Miss Edith R. Nason, Newport, R. I.
New York and New Jersey—Miss Clara de L'Berg, New York City, N. Y.
Atlantic States—Miss Elsa Waldie, Germantown, Pa.
Meadville and Eastern Canada—Mr. Jospeh C. Kiley, Jamestown, N. Y.
Southern States—Miss Rita E. Stemm, New Orleans, La.
Middle West—Mr. Malcolm MacGillivray, Urbana, Ill.
Rocky Mountain—Rev. H. Houghton Schumacher, Helena, Mont.
North Pacific—Rev. Fred A. Weil, Bellingham, Wash.
Central Pacific—Mr. Berkeley B. Blake, Berkeley, Cal.
Southern Pacific—Rev. Paul McReynolds, Pomona, Cal.

## Union Notes

*Christ Church, Dorchester, Mass.*—The Y. P. R. U. of this church, henceforth to be known as the George F. Pratt Society, is beginning its season most auspiciously: and although the parish is bereft of its beloved minister, the future is faced so courageously that an impetus is lent to every undertaking, whether inaugurated by the young people or others. On a recent Sunday, our treasurer, Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, was the speaker, being most enthusiastically received.

*Winkley Guild, Boston, Mass.*— The Winkley Gui d of the Bulfinch Place Church, Boston, in planning for the year, has decided to change its hour for the Sunday meetings from evening to quarter past two in the afternoon, hoping thereby to accommodate many who come for the Sunday School and church service. Subjects of supreme importance to young Unitarians have been selected, including the cardinal virtues of the Y. P. R. U. and the five points of Our Faith. A social meeting will occur monthly.

*West Bridgewater, Mass.*—"Our union is alive and busy as usual. The Lawn Party and Clam Bake netted quite a sum and we start the year feeling quite encouraged. We have lately presented some of the new hymn books to the church and the union voted in the summer to pay the tenor singer in the choir."

*Yarmouth, Maine.*—The Y. P. R. U. has issued an attractive program with meetings every Sunday evening in the month.

*Meadville, Pa.*—The Edward Everett Hale League also shows monthly Sunday evening meetings when the great ideas of men like Channing, Theodore Parker Emerson, James Freeman Clarke, Edward Everett Hale, etc., are to be made prominent, interspersed with week-day meetings, when discussions on dancing, athletics, dress, tobacco, etc., will be in order.

## Office Memoranda

A goodly number of calls for the three new pamphlets have been received this fall. The supply still remains ample and Miss Torr will be glad to forward these to anyone addressing her. They are "The Young People's Religious Union," "Hints on How to Form and Conduct a Young People's Religious Union," and "A Church of the Free Spirit" by Dr. S. M. Crothers of Cambridge, Mass.

86 members of the Union-at-Large received copies of the WORD AND WORK, with tracts during the month of October.

Topics of an international nature are to be recommended to Program Committees for at least once or twice during the year.

# Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. Joseph H. Crooker, D.D., *President*, Roslindale, Mass.
Mrs. Frank L. Young, *Vice-President*.
Rev. Chester A. Drummond, *Secretary*, Somerville, Mass.
Charles H. Stearns, *Treasurer*, Brookline, Mass.

## "Shall I Drink?"*

If one desires one of the very best presentations of the facts concerning the liquor traffic that has been published in recent years, he will find it in a volume just issued from the press, entitled "Shall I Drink?" Not in a long time have we read a work on this very important subject which could compare with this one in its array of the results of the scientific investigation of the problem and in its interpretation of the present commercial, social and legal status of the business.

That the liquor traffic is doomed is the unmistakable conviction which comes to one after reading this volume from the pen of Rev. Dr. Joseph Henry Crooker, who is one of the most competent authorities on the subject in America. The temperance movement is not local. It is world-wide and reaches all classes. Half a million people in Russia attend temperance lectures; and urgent appeals for total abstinence are made in the Duma of the Czar. Iceland and Japan, Bulgaria and Mexico, join hands in victories for sobriety. Germany has 100,000 Good Templars, doctors, lawyers, professors and students declaring for total abstinence, and the kaiser is pleading with earnestness for temperance. In Sweden in Denmark, in France, in Switzerland, in Austria-Hungary, in Finland, and in Great Britain, alcohol is receiving death blows, while in America 2,000,000 employes are under orders to avoid drink, and two-thirds of the area and over one-half of the population of the United States are under prohibition.

Dr. Crooker begins his volume with a chapter on The Drink Superstition: Ancient Origin and Present Operation, in which he discusses the drink habit and shows that "public opinion is fast turning toward the position that the evil lies chiefly, not in drunkenness, but in drinking." "It is also clearly realized by an ever-increasing number that crime, pauperism and insanity are produced not by a few drunkards, but by the common habit of drinking."

In the second chapter Dr. Crooker brings out very forcibly the relation of the liquor question to the many problems which perplex mankind.

After reviewing the appalling record of the liquor traffic as a source of misery and crime the author concludes that "it is surely only a question of a very few years when this problem will be generally seen in its true proportions."

Dr. Crooker devotes a chapter to The Roots of Crime and Poverty, in which he brings out an array of statistics that reveal the staggeringly large number of derelicts, of wrecks, financial and moral, who must attribute their downfall to liquor in one way or another.

The duty of parents in the inculcation of sound temperance principles in the heart and mind of children, the fallacy of all substitutes for the saloon, the function of law in its relation to the traffic—all these phases of the question are discussed illuminatingly.

"Our chief hope is here," writes the author. "We must educate. We must make the fact that alcohol is a life-destroyer, the master conviction of every young life. We must also show the thoughtless moderate drinker his real danger and appeal to his Christian chivalry and civic responsibility."

We most heartily commend this work of Dr. Crooker's to ministers and thoughtful laymen who desire to secure the latest facts concerning the drink problem. It will furnish information for sermons and addresses, and will be found helpful also by Sunday school teachers in preparing for the temperance lesson, and by all others who, for one reason or another, desire to keep abreast of the latest facts concerning this great reform.

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